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LOWER RENTS

While efforts are being made in Pennsylvania and a number of other states to have legislation passed that will prevent property-owners from increasing rents excessively, it must be evident to all persons giving the subject serious thought that the only method by which rents can be kept reasonable is by erection of more homes.

The ban placed upon unnecessary construction during the war and the high cost of building since have brought the nation to the point where 1,500,000 homes are required to meet the needs of the people. If housing conditions are to be what they should be for their material and moral welfare.

With this great shortage of homes it is not surprising that landlords are able to demand almost any sum they see fit for the use of their property. Rentals have been doubled and in cases tripled, as compared with rates before the war, based largely upon the inflated values created by war conditions and the bidding of persons against each other for possession of property.

The future of home building depends mainly upon two factors—the cost of building material and wages of workers who are engaged in the construction of material and erection of buildings. Unless these elements are harmonized in a way that will insure lower costs for building, the work that will be done will be small compared with the great need of homes.

Attempts to regulate rents by legislative enactment will hardly bring results desired, but they will discourage investment of money in home building, for no owner of property wants the state to say how much rental he shall charge for it, or what other disposition he can make of that which is his own. There will be little reduction in rents until the number of homes more nearly equals the demand, or until landlords are looking for tenants.

## MR. FORD'S "TIN" COWS

We expect the unusual from Henry Ford. When he announced a few days ago that wages in his big Detroit factory would not be cut from their \$3-a-day minimum and that he does not propose to borrow any money from the loan sharks of Wall street, no one was surprised. But that is not the most unusual of Mr. Ford's recent exploits. He holds the mechanical cow!

The farmer will see the day when both the horse and the cow will be done away with, says Mr. Ford. "It is a simple matter to take the same cereals that the cows eat and make them into milk which is superior to the natural milk and much cleaner. The cow is the crudest animal in the world."

How delightful to go out to the garage in the morning, crank Bossy, hear her four cylinders explode, turn the spigot and return to the breakfast table with the family milk pail, foaming and overflowing, on your arm!

Strange as it seems to the lay mind, science agrees with Mr. Ford. The artificial cow is by no means a remote possibility. The project of producing synthetic milk has much to recommend it, especially from a sanitary standpoint.

In one particular only does Mr. Ford appear to err. That is in predicting the passing of the horse and the cow. There are more horses in the country now than when the first tin Lizzie was produced. Chances are the tin Bossy will supplement, but never supplant, its bovine original.

HAVE A HEART,  
MR. EDISON

Thomas A. Edison, world-famous inventor, who recently attained his seventy-fourth year, took occasion to offer some advice to his fellow creatures in response to questions of an interviewer. One bit of advice pertained to the sleep required by the human animal.

Mr. Edison, being an exceptional man, should not expect that his manner of living is applicable to the mass of the people. It is not unusual for Mr. Edison to go for 48 hours without sleep and with little or nothing to eat, when he is engaged on a difficult problem.

Not many persons have the ability to concentrate possessed by Mr. Edison, and for that reason they are

not able to rise above the physical demands of their nature as the inventor can do. It might also be said that Mr. Edison has exceptional vitality for a person who has tested it as severely as he has in his busy life.

The intimation by Mr. Edison that adults who take more than six hours sleep when in good health, may be accused justly of slothfulness, need not be taken seriously. Few persons are able to recuperate from an average day's work with less than seven or eight hours' sleep, and the latter number may be accepted as being what is more commonly required.

The eight hours of sleep taken by the average person is not in any degree lost if the individual will make the best of the hours of work and recreation. The waste does not consist of the hours devoted to the recreation of the body by sleep as it does in the lack of system in spending the wakeful hours.

It is well to emulate Mr. Edison in his zeal and industry, but it would be unwise for any person to seek to adapt himself to the eating and sleeping habits of the inventor. There are many kinds of human machines, and they should be regulated according to their character, not by any hard and fast rule founded on the experience of others.

## OBSERVATIONS

It may turn out that dandelion is the real "yellow peril" in this country.

It is at least time to begin to think about making an income tax report.

Astronomers have discovered a new sky tramp. Tell him to move on, officer.

One way to make money right is to spend it on liquid stuff at \$25 per quart.

Let war pinch a nation's purse hard enough, and it will think more seriously of peace.

The man who has a lot of opinions and likes to express them is likely to make a bore of himself.

If professional reformers were paid so much per reform, fewer of them would be in the business.

The business of living at peace with their neighbors is entirely too dull a life for many persons.

They are again fighting the bull in Mexico, but in this country throwing it is the great national sport.

One of the needs of the country, in the opinion of a pessimist, is more alienists to examine the nuts.

Many a man is not so much afraid that others will lie about him as he is that they will tell the truth.

A woman may be president of the United States some day, but there is nothing to be gained by worrying over it.

Speaking of profiteering, what about the value placed by a woman who goes another for alleviating her husband's affections?

PLAN TO MOVE  
ENTIRE TOWN

By Associated Press.  
OSHOEN, Ohio, Feb. 24. On July 1, if present plans are followed out, this town of 250 buildings and dwellings will gather up its belongings, pack up its buildings and start moving a mile and a half distant.

Motion picture cameras will grind away, preserving the unique record of a whole town sliding away on railroad tracks.

Oshoen has to move, because of the danger from flood in the Miami valley.

It had its troubles finding a new home, as most house hunters do these days. The town of Fairfield wanted the plat. Oshoen had picked out, and sought an injunction preventing the latter town from moving in.

Judge Hartley of Xenia, however, the other day dissolved the injunction, and as far as anyone knows now, there is nothing more to prevent Oshoen from changing its location.

TELLS OF EXPERIENCE  
IN RUSSIAN DUNGEON

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Bolshevik prison methods lack all elements of decency and civilization, says M. Schwartz, California Socialist and labor leader, who with his wife, was thrown into bolshevik prisons in Moscow for four months after he had failed to voice approval of the bolshevik government. His wife died of the effects of a hunger strike started while in prison.

"My first two months in prison were the worst," Mr. Schwartz said after arriving in Berlin. "My wife, who could not speak a word of any language but English, was taken from me. I did not know whether she was in the same prison, or what had become of her. I could not get a word of satisfaction from any of the prison officials."

"There was a small peephole in the door of my cell which opened into the main corridor. This had a little slide over it and there was a sign in Russian warning the inmates of the cell that they would be placed in solitary confinement if they peeped out into the corridor."

"Many times a day footsteps passed the door. Sometimes there were light steps and I imagined women were passing. To the horror of other men in the cell with me, I occasionally moved the slide, the least bit in the hope of getting a glimpse of my poor wife. I became blind and bolder. The corridor was so dark it was difficult to recognize the people who were passing."

"Finally, in sheer desperation, I pushed the slide far back one day when light footsteps were audible. To my horror the eye of the guard almost touched mine. He opened the door and asked me if I could read Russian. I admitted I could and explained to him that my anxiety about my wife was responsible for the violation of regulations."

"I was immediately taken to a dark cell in the cellar. It was full of hungry rats. Water and sewer pipes ran all around the walls and there was so much gas that I felt I was choking. I began pounding on the door, but the guard warned against it. Labor blanks at the Bonanza office."

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me not to and threatened to put me into a still lower cell if I didn't keep quiet.

"At the end of through hours I was so badly overcome by the gas that I pounded on the door in desperation and asked to see the commissar who was in charge of the prison. The guard was apparently uneasy about my condition and called the commissar."

"I told the commissar my anxiety about my wife and asked him if he would not have peeped through the hole under the same condition. He was moved by my appeal and asked me if I would promise not to repeat the offense if he let me back into my old cell."

"You may be sure I promised, and I kept my promise. I had companions in my old cell and there weren't any rats and gas there. I can't tell you how horrible it is to be confined alone. Even if one's companions have no common language, human companionship makes a cell more endurable. Solitary confinement, such as my wife endured for two months, is the most horrible punishment that can be inflicted."

"Think of a civilized, refined American woman being treated as she was by the bolsheviks! It is no wonder that her constitution was so undermined by her jail experiences that she died shortly after we were released. But her blood is on the hands of Lenin and Trotsky and Chitcherin. She appealed to them for a hearing and so did I. She finally effected our release by her hunger strike, but her strength was not sufficient to survive the awful agony she endured."

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